

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (original): A handheld combination hole puncher and eyelet setter tool comprising:

an elongated handle having a first end and a second end, wherein said first end comprises an axially extending hole and said second end is adapted to receive an impact force;

a plurality of interchangeable hole punches and setters, each of said hole punches and setters adapted to be slidably mounted in said axially extending hole; and

a holder disposed in said axially extending hole whereby a hole punch or setter mounted in said axially extending hole is removably held in place such that when said impact force is delivered to the second end of the elongated handle, said impact force is transferred to said hole punch or setter.

Claim 2 (original): The handheld combination hole puncher and eyelet setter tool of claim 1 further comprising an air pressure relief hole in communication with said axially extending hole.

Claim 3 (original): The handheld combination hole puncher and eyelet setter tool of claim 1 wherein the elongated handle is substantially cylindrical in shape.

Claim 4 (original): The handheld combination hole puncher and eyelet setter tool of claim 1 wherein each of the plurality of hole punches comprises a cylindrical shank having a bit at one end.

Claim 5 (original): The handheld combination hole puncher and eyelet setter tool of claim 4 wherein the bit comprises a sharp annular edge for cutting.

Claim 6 (original): The handheld combination hole puncher and eyelet setter tool of claim 5 wherein each of the plurality of hole punches further comprises a disposal tunnel, said disposal tunnel extending from the sharp annular edge through the cylindrical shank to a disposal hole thereby providing an exit for cut material.

Claim 7 (original): The handheld combination hole puncher and eyelet setter tool of claim 5 wherein the plurality of hole punches comprise bits of different size.

Claim 8 (original): The handheld combination hole puncher and eyelet setter tool of claim 1 wherein each of the plurality of setters comprises a cylindrical shaft having a bit at one end, said bit adapted to set eyelets.

Claim 9 (original): The handheld combination hole puncher and eyelet setter tool of claim 1 wherein the holder comprises an o-ring.

Claim 10 (original): An apparatus for storing a handheld combination hole puncher and eyelet setter tool and a plurality of hole punches and setters, said apparatus comprising:

a cylindrical base having a top, a bottom, and a side wall;
a main hole in the top of said base adapted to receive said handheld combination hole puncher and eyelet setter tool such that said handheld combination hole puncher and eyelet setter tool is maintained in an upright position; and

a plurality of secondary holes in the top of said base, each of said secondary holes adapted to receive one of said hole punches or setters.

Claim 11 (original): The apparatus of claim 10 further comprising a cover, said cover being cylindrical in shape having a closed top and an open bottom, said cover being transparent.

Claim 12 (original): The apparatus of claim 11 wherein said cover comprises a threaded portion and wherein the cylindrical base further comprises a set of threads in the side wall, said threaded portion of the cover adapted to rotatably engage the set of threads in the side wall of the base.

Claim 13 (original): The apparatus of claim 10 wherein the base is comprised of foam.

Claim 14 (original): The apparatus of claim 10 wherein the main hole is located in the center of the base and the secondary holes are circularly arranged around the main hole.

Claim 15 (original): A method for installing an eyelet into a piece of material using a combination hole punch and eyelet setter, said method comprising:

 selecting a hole punch corresponding in size to the eyelet and installing it into the combination hole punch and eyelet setter tool;

 punching a hole in the material at the desired location by striking the combination hole punch and eyelet setter tool with a mallet or hammer such that the hole punch cuts the material;

 interchanging the hole punch with a setter of corresponding size in the combination hole punch and eyelet setter tool; and

 setting the eyelet using the setter installed in the combination hole punch and eyelet setter by striking the combination hole punch and eyelet setter with a mallet or hammer such that the setter sets the eyelet.

Claim 16 (original): A hole puncher and eyelet setter kit comprising:

 a handheld combination hole puncher and eyelet setter tool comprising

 an elongated handle having a first end and a second end,

 wherein said first end comprises an axially

extending hole and said second end is adapted to receive an impact force,

a plurality of interchangeable hole punches and setters, each of said hole punches and setters adapted to be slidably mounted in said axially extending hole, and

a holder disposed in said axially extending hole whereby a hole punch or setter mounted in said axially extending hole is removably held in place such that when said impact force is delivered to the second end of the elongated handle, said impact force is transferred to said hole punch or setter; and

a storage apparatus comprising

a cylindrical base having a top, a bottom, and a side wall,

a main hole in the top of said base adapted to receive said handheld combination hole puncher and eyelet setter tool such that said handheld combination hole puncher and eyelet setter tool is maintained in an upright position, and

a plurality of secondary holes in the top of said base, each of said secondary holes adapted to receive one of said plurality of hole punches and setters.

Claim 17 (original): The hole puncher and eyelet setter kit of claim 16 wherein said storage apparatus further comprises a cover, said cover being cylindrical in shape having a closed top and an open bottom, said cover being transparent.

Claim 18 (original): The hole puncher and eyelet setter kit of claim 17 wherein said cover comprises a threaded portion and wherein the cylindrical base further comprises a set of threads in the side wall, said threaded portion of the cover adapted to rotatably engage the set of threads in the side wall of the base.

Claim 19 (original): The hole puncher and eyelet setter kit of claim 16 wherein the base is comprised of foam.

Claim 20 (original): The hole puncher and eyelet setter kit of claim 16 wherein the main hole is located in the center of the base and the secondary holes are circularly arranged around the main hole.